

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor, if only one name is listed below, or an original, first and joint inventor, if plural names are listed below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled VEGETABLE OIL-BASED COATING AND METHOD FOR APPLICATION, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the Office), all information which is known by me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Section 1.56.

## CLAIM OF PRIORITY

I hereby claim foreign benefits under Title 35, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

None

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below and I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120, of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the above-identified specification, including claims, discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in the prior copending application(s), listed below, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office, all information which is known by me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/944,212, entitled TRANSESTERIFIED POLYOL HAVING SELECTABLE AND INCREASED FUNCTIONALITY AND URETHANE MATERIAL PRODUCTS FORMED USING THE POLYOL, by Thomas M. Kurth et al., filed on August 31, 2001, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/230,463, entitled TRANSESTERIFIED POLYOL HAVING SELECTABLE AND INCREASED FUNCTIONALITY AND URETHANE PRODUCTS FORMED USING THE POLYOL, by Thomas M. Kurth et al., filed on September 6, 2000, U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/239,161, entitled TRANSESTERIFIED POLYOL HAVING SELECTABLE AND INCREASED FUNCTIONALITY AND URETHANE PRODUCTS FORMED USING THE POLYOL, by Thomas M. Kurth et al., filed on October 10, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/251,068, entitled TRANSESTERIFIED POLYOL HAVING SELECTABLE AND INCREASED FUNCTIONALITY AND URETHANE PRODUCTS FORMED USING THE POLYOL, by Thomas M. Kurth et al., filed on December 4, 2000;

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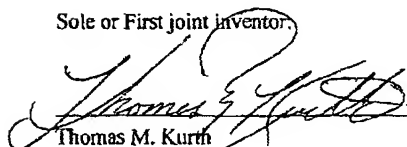
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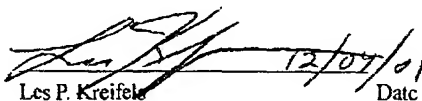
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